

- Construction of the preferred improvement plan will require temporary easement and permanent right-of-way acquisition of private property in many areas.

  - Public Law 91-646**  
Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance for all Federal-Aid projects is governed by Public Law 91-646: *Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987.*

- Purpose of Acquisition Process**  
To encourage and expedite acquisition by agreement, to avoid litigation and to assure consistent treatment for property owners.
- Law Requires "Just Compensation"**  
Just Compensation is defined as payment of fair market value for the property taken, taking into account partial takings, damages and benefits to the remaining land.

- 4 Step Acquisition Process**
  - Preparation of Plat of Survey and Legal Description of property to be acquired.
  - Preparation of Property Appraisal by independent professional appraiser.
  - Preparation of Review Appraisal by another independent appraiser.
  - Negotiations with property owners.
- Acquisition Schedule**
  - Negotiations cannot begin until Design Approval is received.
  - Design Approval is anticipated in Fall 2016.

